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We wish to say to the young people that this is the last appearance of "Aunt Hannah." We have prevailed upon the writer to drop her "nom de plume" and place her real name to her articles. So in future you will read stories from Mrs. N. K. Wood.

Thanking you for the many expressions of appreciation manifested in my stories, we shall now doff our hats to the boys.

BOYS

We are going to talk about boys today, because we love boys and have had much to do with them. A gentleman addressing a class of Sunday school children said: "What are boys good for? One youngster more brave than the rest answered proudly: 'They are good to make men out of.'" "Good!" replied the man. And the kind of a man he makes depends on the kind of a boy he is, for the boy of today is the man of tomorrow. Do you know Sam Dependable? He's the fellow that always speaks the truth. He never plays hooky from school; he is always obedient to his parents and is polite to everyone; he's the fellow that stopped on the street the other day and helped a poor washerwoman turn her little wagon right side up and put the bundles back in place. One of his school mates passing said tauntingly: "Hello, Sam; are you taking in washing?"

When vacation came Sam, in a ragged, poverty-stricken appearance, walked into a rich merchant's store and said: "Mister, will you please lend me half a dollar?" The merchant looked down at the boy and said: "What do you want with it?" "Well, it's vacation now, and I want to start something." The big blue, honest eyes looked so imploringly that the merchant gave him the money.

Months went on and he had forgotten the loan, although the boy had given his note and word of promise, when one day the lad rushed in and said: "Mister, I've come to lift my note." So he did, and added: "I've supported myself and saved forty dollars. I started with fifty cents. Bought and sold newspapers and invested in oranges and other fruits; so now I'm going to have a stand of my own." It is needless to add that he made a successful merchant.

Then there is the persevering boy. He was sent to chop wood one Saturday before he could have his recreation. He worked away until the last log was reached. It was knotty and a hard subject, but he chopped and chopped with but little encouragement. At last he said: "Now, Mr. Log, do you think such an ugly knotty thing as you are can down me? No, sir-ee!" So he spit in his hands and took a fresh start and soon the ugly log lay in two.

That's the boy that will see his plans through successfully. He is not acquainted with failure. His ambition will land him at the top of "the Ladder of Fame."

When Demosthenes, the greatest orator perhaps the world ever knew, was a youth he had a thin, feeble voice and stammered badly, but he had an intense desire to become an orator. To gain this strength for his voice he practiced declaiming on the seashore for months and months until his voice could be heard distinctly above the roar of the waves, and to correct his stammering he put pebbles in his mouth and compelled himself to speak slowly and distinctly until he overcame the impediment. His perseverance was rewarded with wonderful success.

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. H. W. Roberts and daughter, Jane, have returned home from Lexington, Kansas, where she was called by the death of her father several weeks ago.

Mrs. Broulege and three daughters, Clara, Margaret and Elizabeth, of the Upper Reservation of Pt. McArthur, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan of the Keystone Acres.

Mrs. John L. Wood of Big Springs, Texas, has returned home after visiting for two weeks with Mrs. N. K. Woods of Cota avenue. She is so charmed with California that when she disposes of her property will locate here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis of Topeka, Kansas are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Arlington avenue. Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Hollis are sisters.

Contractor Pinney of Portola avenue is building Wm. Cratton's home on the corner of Cota avenue and Carson street. It will be ready for the plasterers in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. King, Harold King, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wise and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turner were Sunday visitors at Balboa Beach.

V. C. Close of Los Angeles has sold his garage business there and has gone in with his father, W. C. Close, in the feed and fuel business here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weyandt of Pomona left Monday after visiting a week with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miller of Gramercy avenue.

Geo. Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowers, has been suffering from blood poisoning in his heel for two weeks, contracted from a blister rubbed by his shoe.

Mrs. Glen Middleton motored to Los Angeles Wednesday morning and met Mrs. Abel of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. I. Davidson's mother, of Vista Highlands, who has come to make her home here.

BAPTIST LADIES IN MEETING

The ladies of the Baptist church held a very interesting meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1. After devotional exercises Mrs. Tonkins took charge of the social program. The discussion for this month was the North American Indian, our duty to them, etc. She dwelt largely on the fact that the natural cultivation of morality, regard for motherhood, loyalty to his mate and the education of the young surpassed the white man of today. Mrs. Garner gave a bright, short talk on what she met in the mountains while on her vacation in the Yosemite. The president took the chair and after a business transaction the meeting closed with prayer by the pastor.

Boys, how many of you want to be a great man in the world? Hold up your hands. There, I see all of you do. So take my advice and always speak the truth, always keep your promise, though be careful how you promise. Always keep good company. Remember the boy that uses bad language does not speak the truth; disobeys his parents; robs birds' nests and watermelon patches, orchards, etc., and never goes to Sunday school or church, will not help you to rise a step higher than he goes. Solomon said: "Enter not into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men." Prov. 4:14.

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